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In re Application of  
Frank et al.  
Application No. 08/901,612  
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Attorney Docket No. HYB-014US6

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed July 21, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the final Office action mailed April 10, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 11, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 16, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$465.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 21, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for processing of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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